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Overview

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Office for Victims of Crime](#) (OVC) is seeking applications to support the development, implementation, and dissemination of a train-the-trainer trauma-informed, hope-centered framework to assist law enforcement officers with addressing trauma and adversity in order to repair and rebuild relationships within the community. This program furthers the Department's mission by advancing law enforcement policies and practices that promote justice and healing for all victims.

This solicitation incorporates the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants for the preparation and submission to OJP of applications for funding. **If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.**

Solicitation Categories

Competition ID	Category *	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
C-OVC-2021-00025-PROD	Purpose Area 1: Demonstration Sites	4	\$750,000.00	10/1/21 12:00 AM	36
C-OVC-2021-00026-PROD	Purpose Area 2: Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)	1	\$1,000,000.00	10/1/21 12:00 AM	36

Eligible Applicants:

City or township governments, County governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, State governments, Other

Other

Please see page six for category eligibility.

For purposes of this solicitation, "state" means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

To advance Executive Order 13929 Safe Policing for Safe Communities, as of October 28, 2020, the Attorney General determined that all state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body or have started the certification process to be allocated FY 2021 DOJ discretionary grant funding, as either a recipient or a subrecipient. For detailed information on this new certification requirement, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO>.

All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

OVC will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). For additional information on subawards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Contact Information

For technical assistance with submitting the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, at [Grants.gov Customer Support](#), or email at support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants), contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5 a.m. – 9 p.m., ET, Monday – Friday; and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

An applicant that experiences unforeseen Grants.gov or JustGrants technical issues beyond its control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline must email the OJP contact identified below (grants@ncjrs.gov) **within 24 hours after the application deadline** to request approval to submit its application after the deadline.

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the Response Center (this is the OJP contact) by telephone at 800-851-3420 or TTY 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only), or by email at grants@ncjrs.gov. Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. ET on the solicitation closing date.

Submission Information

In FY 2021, applications will be submitted to DOJ in a **NEW** two-step process.

Step 1: Applicants will submit an **SF-424** and an **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>. To register in Grants.gov, applicants will need to obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) and System for Award Management (SAM) registration or renewal.

Step 2: Applicants will submit the **full application** including attachments in JustGrants at [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.justgrants.usdoj.gov).

To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline.

OJP encourages applicants to review, the "How to Apply" section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Pre-Application Webinar

OVC will conduct one pre-application webinar during which OVC staff will review the solicitation requirements and conduct a question and answer session with interested potential applicants. Participation is optional. When the webinar has been scheduled, the details and registration information will be available at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/funding-webinars>.

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Program Description

Overview

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

This program will support demonstration sites in implementing a hope-centered framework to 1) address trauma experienced by law enforcement and 2) build trust with the communities they serve. Collective hope is a "shared desire for a better society articulated through a broad set of agreed upon goals and principles and elaborated through socially inclusive dialogue." (Braithwaite V. Collective Hope. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 2004;592(1):6-15. doi:[10.1177/0002716203262049](https://doi.org/10.1177/0002716203262049)). This initiative will increase training, capacity, advocacy, outreach around Hope Theory as an organizing framework in order to repair and rebuild trusted relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Ultimately, this work is intended to result in increased trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve, enhancing law enforcement officers' ability to effectively engage with community members, as well as increasing the likelihood that the community will assist in investigations to make communities safer and hold offenders accountable, and make it more likely that crime victims will report their victimizations to the police, reducing the likelihood of re-victimization.

Under this program, OVC will augment OVC-funded work done by the [Healing Justice Alliance Initiative](#), which explored demonstrated strategies for implementing a trauma-informed and collaborative approach to build trust between communities of color and law enforcement agencies. Informed by young men of color who are survivors of violence, the project's outcomes improved lives, by pointing to ways to manage trauma, and focusing on changing community conditions that produce trauma.

Statutory Authority

34 U.S.C. § 20103(c)(1)(a)

Specific Information

Trauma, Policing, and Community Trust

Law enforcement officers are charged with the responsibility of protecting and serving the public. The nature of police work includes regular and ongoing exposure to possible trauma, violence, and the risk of potential harm. According to statistics released by the FBI in 2020, more than 56,034 law enforcement officers were assaulted in the line of duty in 2019, resulting in 17,188 injuries and 48 officer deaths (<https://ucr.fbi.gov/leoka/2019/home>). Being exposed to this kind of harm may result in officers experiencing vicarious trauma, which may affect their personal wellness, the actions they take, and how they relate to the communities they serve.

Research shows that repeated exposure to trauma can lead to an increase in flight or fight responses, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, depression, detachment, and disengagement. A person's ability to respond to trauma is also affected by what kinds of resources (internal and external) they have available to them. Unaddressed past trauma can rob individuals of their ability to connect with others and affects how they respond to stressful situations. Law enforcement officers frequently need to make quick decisions to protect the public. An officer's ability to do so is affected by many factors, including previous experience in similar circumstances, knowledge about the community, unconscious biases, and exposure to trauma and violence. All of these can affect stress response, reasoning, and judgment. Similarly, the community's perception is clouded by law enforcement responses and community conditions; which if negative, can erode community trust in law enforcement. Law enforcement and the community can benefit from resources such as trusted relationships, reduced community violence, and collective hope for the future.

The Nature of Resilience and Hope

Resilience has been described as a process, a trait, an outcome, or a combination of all three (Van Breda, A. D. (2018). A critical review of resilience theory and its relevance for social work. *Social Work/Maatskaplike Werk*, 54(1), 1-18. doi:[10.15270/54-1-611](https://doi.org/10.15270/54-1-611)); and as involving psychological characteristics such as self-efficacy, optimism, and faith (Connor, K. M., Davidson, J. R. (2003). Development of a new resilience scale: The Connor-Davidson resilience scale (CD-RISC). *Depression and Anxiety*, 18, 76-82. doi:[10.1002/da.10113](https://doi.org/10.1002/da.10113)). Despite lacking a consensus definition, resilience continues to emerge as a characteristic needed to overcome adversity.

If resilience is described as recovering to a pre-trauma state, then hope is moving forward. [Hope Theory](#), the belief that the future can be better than the past, is grounded in more than 2,000 studies with sound, validated measures that apply to all ages. Research indicates that hope not only buffers adversity and stress, but it also predicts important outcomes and can be both learned and sustained.

Research shows that hope is the mindset that drives resilient behaviors (Munoz, R. T., Hanks, H., & Hellman, C. M. (2020). Hope and resilience as distinct contributors to psychological flourishing among childhood trauma survivors. *Traumatology*, 26(2), 177-184. <https://doi.org/10.1037/rm0000224>). This initiative seeks to build trusting relationships between law enforcement and their communities through the development of a training rooted in hope science. Such a training could cement an internal foundation toward hope, give law enforcement officers resources and strategies for stressful responses, and improve relationships between external community members. Doing so, could bridge the gap between law enforcement and the communities they serve, moving towards healing.

Weaving Together Hope, Resilience, and Community Trust

Research suggests that law enforcement officers need to be resilient to serve society while facing stressful events daily. This line of research also demonstrates that hope can be taught and can become a protective factor against the stressors associated with law enforcement duties (Passmore S, Hemming E, McIntosh HC, Hellman CM. The relationship between hope, meaning in work, secondary traumatic stress, and burnout among child abuse pediatric clinicians. *Perm J* 2020;24:19.087. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.7812/TPP/19.087>). Through this initiative, OVC looks to establish hope navigators at the agency and community level, who will serve as trainers and facilitators on Hope Theory strategies to repair and rebuild relationships between law enforcement and the community.

Using the established evidence of Hope Theory, a common language can be established to serve as a guiding framework for law enforcement officers to respond to the community, crime victims, and fellow officers. When a common language is implemented, collective hope will emerge to create a cohesive and actionable plan to better serve crime victims while sustaining positive community relationships.

OJP has programs through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) that work to respond to trauma and protect officer safety and wellness, such as the [VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Initiative](#). Responding to law enforcement victimization and trauma through Hope Theory strategies is complementary to these efforts to assist law enforcement by mitigating the effects of exposure to trauma.

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

The primary goal of this initiative is to develop a train-the-trainer-curriculum to foster inclusion of a culture rooted in Hope Theory into law enforcement agencies. This work will 1) mitigate the negative effects of trauma and increase the well-being of law enforcement officers by increasing their hope; 2) provide a conceptual framework for relationships between communities and law enforcement agencies; and 3) increase collective hope to enhance safety and well-being, leadership, and promote relationship building with the community. Ultimately, this initiative will disseminate lessons learned to the field and contribute to systemic change in law enforcement culture.

Purpose Area 1 applicants must be law enforcement agencies. Purpose Area 2 applicants must have a demonstrated history of providing national scope training and technical assistance (TTA) and an expertise in working with victims of crime, trauma, collaboratives, and multidisciplinary audiences.

All demonstration sites are required to partner with a local researcher to conduct site-specific project process evaluation. The technical assistance provider will partner with a national evaluator to evaluate the project.

Grantees funded through this solicitation will engage in the following activities in order to meet the program goals and objectives. As a demonstration initiative, the technical assistance provider, OVC, and all selected sites will co-develop the project implementation, activities, and most deliverables.

Objectives

1. Work with the other demonstration sites and the technical assistance provider to develop a train-the-trainer curriculum to foster a law enforcement culture rooted in Hope Theory.
2. Develop a detailed plan for implementation and dissemination throughout the entire agency. This should include a tiered training system from the top down.
3. Develop a strategic plan for the agency that incorporates tangible goals and objectives for implementing a hope-centered agency framework and practice that responds to the needs of officers.
4. Develop new or expand existing policies and best practices that operationalize a common language of hope tailored for law enforcement that promote safety, wellbeing, and community oriented policing practices.
5. Create and implement a cohesive and actionable plan, using the hope-centered practices and policies, to respond and transform traumatic stress throughout the agency.
6. Develop a hope-centered community advisory council that will be charged with helping law enforcement implement a hope-centered approach by creating and maintaining community relationships and coordinated outreach. The council should include diverse stakeholders (for example: local citizens including youth and families, law enforcement, school

staff, social service organizations, faith-based organizations, etc.).

7. Document and disseminate best practices and lessons learned through local analysis, and in coordination with national research conducted by the technical assistance provider.

Grantees funded through this solicitation will engage in the following activities in order to meet the program goals and objectives.

Purpose Area #1 - Demonstration Site Activities and Deliverables

- Work with the TA provider and other sites to develop and implement a hope-centered framework throughout the law enforcement agency.
- Work with the TA provider and other demonstration sites to develop a train-the-trainer toolkit uniquely designed for use by law enforcement agencies that includes a certification program for trainers/hope navigators within each agency for sustainability.
- Hire a full-time project coordinator to lead the initiative. This individual should have a strong relationship with law enforcement leadership and officers and be connected in the community.
- Hire a full-time community/hope navigator to be the liaison between the law enforcement department and the community. This individual should have a thorough understanding of the community’s complexity and historic trauma within the community.
- Plan and deliver one Community and Law Enforcement Hope Summit each year of the initiative.
- Partner with a research entity to collect data and conduct a project process evaluation to meet the stated goals and objectives.
- Produce a final report describing the methodology, findings, and recommendations of the local project process evaluation, to be shared with the field.

Purpose Area #2 - Technical Assistance Provider Activities and Deliverables

- Develop (with OVC and the demonstration sites), pilot, and implement a train-the-trainer curriculum. This curriculum should include a facilitator guide and will be published by OVC.
- Develop a toolkit that explains how to establish a hope-centered framework within a law enforcement agency and the community.
- Plan and execute regular site meetings that focus on exchanging ideas, lessons learned, networking and strategic development of future goals, and project implementation.
- Develop and implement a sustainability plan to start from project inception with each site to be added to the facilitator’s guide.
- Create a train-the-trainer model to build capacity.
- Develop a cadre of certified trainers who have been schooled under the train-the-trainer framework, and are a resource for OVC.
- Develop and implement a marketing dissemination plan.
- Partner with a research entity to conduct a national program evaluation. This evaluation should identify clear metrics and indicators at the local level, which will then be aggregated and analyzed at the national level. The TA provider should develop a clear theory of change and work with the demonstration sites and their local researchers for implementation and analysis.
- Develop a cadre of partnerships to assist with the initiative including but not limited to: implementation science; sustainability; collaboration; etc.
- Plan and deliver at least one all-sites meeting for each year of the demonstration initiative.
- Share findings to advance knowledge and practice in the field by identifying strategic and collaborative opportunities for sharing information. This includes but is not limited to delivering webinars, producing publications, and presenting at conferences.
- Deliver a robust program evaluation report for dissemination to the field.

All these objectives and activities will be completed in close coordination with OVC’s grant manager and other partners identified by OVC.

The Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that demonstrate the results of the work completed, as discussed under Application and Submission Information.

Evidence-Based Programs or Practices

OJP strongly emphasizes the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. For additional information and resources on evidence-based programs or practices, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the programs and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) section entitled "Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities."

Priority Areas

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. In FY 2021, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to applications that demonstrate ways in which their projects will advance one or more of these areas.

To receive priority consideration for advancing one or more of the Department’s priorities, the applicant must provide a sufficient narrative explanation as an attachment, that specifies how the project will advance the promotion of civil rights, access to justice, support to crime victims, protecting the public from crime and evolving threats, or building trust between law enforcement and the community.

In addition, OJP will give priority consideration, if applicable, to applicants that demonstrate that the individuals who are intended to benefit from the requested grant reside in high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties.

To receive priority consideration under the poverty priority, the applicant must provide information to demonstrate that the individuals who are intended to benefit from the requested grant reside in high-poverty areas or persistent poverty counties. For purposes of this priority consideration, the term "high-poverty area" means any census tract with a poverty rate of at least 20 percent as measured by the 2013–2017 5-year data series available from the American Community Survey of the Census Bureau (applicants may search by census tract at <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2017/>) and the term "persistent poverty counties" means any county that has had 20 percent or more of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses and the most recent Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (applicants may search by county at <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/dec/census-poverty.html> and at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe.html>).

Priority consideration is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions and is not a guarantee of an award.

Federal Award Information

Solicitation Category

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**Awards, Amounts and Durations
Period of Performance Start Date**

10/1/21 12:00 AM

Period of Performance Duration (Months)

36

Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation

\$4,000,000.00

Continuation Funding Intent

OVC may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this solicitation, through continuation awards. OJP will consider, among other factors, OJP's strategic priorities, a recipient's overall management of the award, and progress of award-funded work, when making continuation award decisions.

Availability of Funds

This solicitation, and awards (if any are made) under this solicitation, are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by the agency or by law. In addition, nothing in this solicitation is intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

Types of Awards

OVC expects to make awards under this solicitation as cooperative agreements, which provide for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls

Award recipients and subrecipients (including recipients or subrecipients that are pass-through entities) must, as described in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. The "Part 200 Uniform Requirements" means the DOJ regulation at 2 C.F.R. Part 2800, which adopts (with certain modifications) the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. See [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Budget Information

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match.

Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) information on Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs).

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation: Waiver

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) information on Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver.

Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs.

Costs Associated with Language Assistance (if applicable)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Costs Associated with Language Assistance.

Eligibility Information

Purpose Area 1: Demonstration site applicants:

- State governments
- City or township governments
- County governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Purpose Area 1 applicants must be public law enforcement agencies, to include Native American tribal governments with arrest powers and that perform law enforcement functions.

Purpose Area 2: Technical assistance applicants:

- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education

For additional eligibility information, see the title page.

For information on cost sharing or match requirements, see Federal Award Information.

Application and Submission Information

The following application elements MUST be included in the application submission for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements (BMR) to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding:

- Proposal abstract,
- Proposal narrative, and
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form).

See the "Application Elements and Formatting Instructions" section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on what happens to an application that does not contain all the specified elements or that is nonresponsive to the scope of the solicitation.

Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

The SF-424 will be submitted in Grants.gov. The SF-424 is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications, applications, and related information. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on completing the SF-424.

In Section F of the SF-424, please include the name and contact information of the individual who will complete application materials in JustGrants. JustGrants will use this information (email address) to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

Intergovernmental Review: This solicitation ("funding opportunity") is not subject to [Executive Order 12372](#). (In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting the response that the "Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.")

Standard Applicant Information (JustGrants 424 and General Agency Information)

The Standard Applicant Information section of the JustGrants application is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. Applicants will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and make edits as needed. Within this section, applicants will need to: add zip codes for areas affected by the project; confirm their Authorized Representative; and verify the organization's legal name and address.

Proposal Abstract

A proposal abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project including primary activities, products and deliverables, the service area, and who will benefit from the proposed project, will be completed in the JustGrants Web-based form.

Proposal Narrative

The proposal narrative should be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point Times New Roman font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 25 pages. Pages should be numbered and submitted as an attachment. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, OVC may negatively consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions.

The following sections must be included as part of the proposal narrative:

Purpose Area 1: Demonstration Sites

a. Statement of the Problem

- Describe your understanding that law enforcement officers experience primary and secondary trauma and how that trauma impacts their decision making, and reasoning as well as the impact on the department and the relationship with the community
- Describe any ongoing challenges with the community
- Describe your law enforcement department's interest in participating in this initiative and what you hope to gain from it.
- Describe the benefit to the officer, the organization, and the community.

b. Project Design and Implementation

- Describe the project strategy and discuss how the strategy will address the stated goals and objectives of this demonstration initiative.
- Describe the project phases, tasks, activities, staff responsibilities, interim deliverables, and final products.
- Include a time-task plan that delineates organizational responsibility for the activities to be completed and a schedule for completing the activities and submitting the finished projects.

c. Capabilities and Competencies

- Demonstrate that your agency has the organizational capacity to successfully undertake an initiative that involves significant collaboration with a technical assistance provider and other partners supporting the effort.
- Indicate whether there have been any planning meetings or other discussions among staff, or staff and leadership, about the need to address victimizations and trauma on an individual or organizational level.
- Describe the strengths and challenges of your organization (e.g., resources, policy and system barriers, training gaps, facility space, buy-in).
- Identify any staffing, resource, and capacity needs that your organization foresees in leading this project.

d. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures

A response to this section should include the following:

1. A plan for collecting all of the performance measures data required by this solicitation.
2. A description of the qualifications of the key staff who will be responsible for collecting data and reporting performance measures in JustGrants.

OJP will require each successful applicant to submit regular performance data that demonstrate the results of the work carried out under the award. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified under "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" in the Program Description.

Award recipients will be required to submit performance measure data and performance reports in JustGrants. Examples of the performance measures questionnaire can be found at <https://www.ovc.gov/grants/pdf/txt/TVS-questionnaire.pdf>. Further guidance on the post-award submission process will be provided, if selected for award.

Note: applicants are **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measures information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of the reporting requirements under an award.

Purpose Area 2: Technical Assistance Provider

a. Statement of the Problem

- What is your understanding of primary, secondary, and vicarious trauma and its impact on law enforcement officers individually and on the agency as a whole and how can law enforcement trauma impact the community?
- What is your understanding of Hope Theory and resilience, and their benefits to individuals as well as organizations and communities?
- What are the unique considerations, issues, or challenges in creating a hope-centered organization and how will you address them through TTA?

b. Project Design and Implementation

- What is your organization's strategy for providing comprehensive TTA for the selected demonstration sites? Please include a detailed description of the TTA activities to be undertaken to accomplish the goals and obstacles of the initiative.
- Who are the individuals who will implement the project? Who are the partners you will use for project planning, training, implementation, and dissemination?
- Please include a time-task plan that delineates organizational responsibility for the activities to be completed and a schedule for completing the activities and submitting the finished projects. Applicants should make certain that all project activities occur within the proposed project period.

c. Capabilities and Competencies

- Demonstrate that your organization has the expertise and organizational capacity to successfully undertake an initiative that involves significant collaboration with law enforcement agencies and partners.
- State the mission of the applicant organization.
- Describe the current or past experiences of the applicant organization in providing TTA to law enforcement or victim-centered organizations and multidisciplinary audiences.
- Describe the capacity of the applicant organization to undertake the project, including the anticipated number of staff, consultants, and project partners that will be devoted to the project.
- Describe the qualifications and experience of the proposed staff and consultants dedicated to the project.

d. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures

A response to this section should include the following:

1. A plan for collecting all of the performance measures data required by this solicitation.
2. A description of the qualifications of the key staff who will be responsible for collecting data and reporting performance measures in JustGrants.

OJP will require each successful applicant to submit regular performance data that demonstrate the results of the work carried out under the award. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified under "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" in the Program Description.

Award recipients will be required to submit performance measure data and performance reports in JustGrants. Examples of the performance measures questionnaire can be found at <https://www.ovc.gov/grants/pdf/txt/TVS-questionnaire.pdf>. Further guidance on the post-award submission process will be provided, if selected for award.

Note: applicants are **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measures information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of the reporting requirements under an award.

Note on Project Evaluations

An applicant that proposes to use award funds through this solicitation to conduct project evaluations must follow the guidance under "Note on Project Evaluations" in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

Applicants will submit the initiative's goals, objectives, deliverables and timelines in the JustGrants Web-based form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Budget and Associated Documentation**Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)**

Applicants will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

Applicants will submit their indirect cost rate agreement by uploading the agreement as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Financial Management Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)

Applicants will download the questionnaire in JustGrants and submit by uploading the completed questionnaire as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

If applicable, applicants will submit a description of the process used to determine compensation by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants. See the "Application Attachments" section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

Additional Application Components

Applicants will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

Letters of Support

The applicant must include a letter of intent describing the commitment from their leadership to this initiative and their willingness to participate.

Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement

If an application proposes research (including research and development) and/or evaluation, the applicant must demonstrate research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, before it may receive award funds. Applicants will submit a description of their research and evaluation independence and integrity by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information regarding demonstrating research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Documentation of Advancing DOJ Priorities (if applicable)

As is mentioned above, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to applications that specify how the project will advance one or more of the following DOJ priorities: the promotion of civil rights, access to justice, support to crime victims, protecting the public from crime and evolving threats, or building trust between law enforcement and the community. Applicants will submit the narrative by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants.

Documentation of High-Poverty Areas or Persistent-Poverty Counties (if applicable)

As mentioned above, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to applications that demonstrate that the individuals who will benefit from the requested grant reside in high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties as defined above. Each applicant proposing to receive consideration under the High-Poverty Areas or Persistent Poverty Counties priority must provide a sufficient narrative explanation to identify each specific High-Poverty Area (by census tract number(s)) and/or each specific Persistent-Poverty County where individuals are intended to benefit from the requested grant and how the requested grant will address specific challenges in each such identified area and/or county. Applicants will submit the narrative by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants.

Disclosures and Assurances

Applicants will complete the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Applicants will complete and submit the SF-LLL in Grants.gov. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

See the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

Applicants will complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Applicants will review and accept the DOJ Certified Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements. See [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable)

If applicable, applicants will submit as an attachment in JustGrants See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information. A DOJ High Risk Grantee is a recipient that has received a DOJ High Risk designation based on a documented history of unsatisfactory performance, financial instability, management system or other internal control deficiencies, or noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or that is otherwise not responsible.

How to Apply

Applicants will submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>.

Applicants will submit the **full application** including attachments in JustGrants at [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.justgrants.usdoj.gov).

For additional information, see the "How to Apply" section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#).

Submission Dates and Time

The SF-424 and the SF-LLL will be submitted in Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m., eastern time (ET) on July 6, 2021. OJP urges applicants to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the application due date to allow time for the applicant to receive validation messages or rejection notifications from Grants.gov and to correct in a timely fashion any problems that may have caused a rejection notification.

The **full application** will be submitted in JustGrants on July 19, 2021 by 11:59 p.m., eastern time (ET).

To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline.

Application Review Information

Review Criteria

a. Merit Review Criteria

Applications that meet basic minimum requirements will be evaluated by peer reviewers. Applications will be evaluated on how the proposed project/program addresses the following criteria:

1. Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (20%) - evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
2. Project Design and Implementation (45%) - evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.
3. Capabilities and Competencies (20%) - evaluate administrative and technical capacity of the applicant to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.
4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (5%) - evaluate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data.
5. Budget (10%) - evaluate for completeness, cost effectiveness, and allowability (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

b. Other Review Criteria/Factors

Other important considerations for OVC include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those mentioned above relating to priority areas), available funding, past performance, and the extent to which the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based form) accurately explain project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles.

Review Process

Applications submitted under this solicitation that meet basic minimum requirements, will be evaluated for technical merit by a peer review panel(s) in accordance with OJP peer review policy and procedures using the stated review criteria above.

OJP screens applications to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements prior to conducting peer review. Although specific requirements may vary, the following are common requirements applicable to all solicitations for funding under OJP programs:

- The application must be submitted by an eligible type of applicant.
- The application must request funding within programmatic funding constraints (if applicable).
- The application must be responsive to the scope of the solicitation.
- The application must include all items necessary to meet the basic minimum requirements.

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by the applicant. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant that has one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record with respect to performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM as excluded from receiving a federal award.

In addition, if OJP anticipates that an award will exceed \$250,000 in federal funds, OJP also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the non-public segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, FAPIIS).

Important note on FAPIIS: An applicant, may review and comment on any information about itself that currently appears in FAPIIS and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider any such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIIS, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, who may take into account not only peer review ratings and OVC recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in this section.

Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on award notifications and instructions.

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions, and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations (including applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance).

For additional information on these legal requirements, see the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of information related to information technology security. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on information technology security.

General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in the Program Description section, any recipient of an award under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

Required reports. Recipients typically must submit quarterly financial reports, semi-annual progress reports, final financial and progress reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent. (In appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports.)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measures data.

Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For OJP contact(s), see cover page.

For contact information for Grants.gov, see cover page.

Other Information

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a).

Provide Feedback to OJP

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on how to provide feedback to OJP.

Performance Measures

Award recipients under this solicitation will be required to complete the following sections, including shared measures, of the questionnaire available at <https://www.ovc.gov/grants/pdf/tvs-questionnaire.pdf>.

- I. Training
- IV. Data Gathering
- V. Collaborative Partnerships

- VII. Victim Services
 - A. Training and TA Activities
 - B. Partnerships
 - C. Planning Activities, Policy and Procedural Changes

Application Checklist

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This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. The [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#) is another resource.

What an Applicant Must Do:

Prior to Registering in Grants.gov:

- Acquire a DUNS Number (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Acquire or renew registration with SAM (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

To Register with Grants.gov:

- Acquire AOR and Grants.gov username/password (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Biz POC (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

To Find Funding Opportunity:

- Search for the Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov
- Select the correct Competition ID
- Access Funding Opportunity and Application Package(see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Sign up for Grants.gov email [notifications](#) (optional)(see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Read [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#)
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, reporting available at [ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.10a.htm](#)(see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:

- Review the "[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2021 Awards](#)" in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#).

Scope Requirement:

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit specified by purpose area: Purpose Area 1: \$750,000, Purpose Area 2 \$1,000,000

Eligibility Requirement: see eligibility section on cover page and page six for Purpose Area 1 and 2.

- Submit **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov

After SF-424 and SF-LLL Submission in Grants.gov, Receive Grants.gov Email Notifications That:

- Submission has been received in Grants.gov
- Submission has either been successfully validated or rejected with errors(see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

If No Grants.gov Receipt, and Validation or Error Notifications are Received:

- Contact Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, at [Grants.gov customer support webpage](#), or email at support@grants.gov regarding technical difficulties(see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Receive email notification to complete application in JustGrants:

- Complete Application in JustGrants

Content of Application Submission:

The following items are critical application elements required to pass Basic Minimum Requirements review. An application that OJP determines does not include the application elements that must be included in the application submission in order for the application to meet the basic minimum requirements, will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Detail and Budget Narrative (web-based form)

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#### Content of Application Submission

- Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov
- Standard Applicant Information (SF-424 info from Grants.gov)

Budget and Associated Documentation

- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)(see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire(see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation

Additional Application Components

- MOUs and Letters of Support/Letter of Intent
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Documentation of Advancing DOJ Priorities (if applicable)
- Documentation of high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty countries (if applicable)

Disclosures and Assurances

- [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#)(see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (Pending Applications)(see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurance (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification - DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable)(see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

*Submit Application in JustGrants:*

- Application has been successfully submitted in JustGrants

*If No JustGrants Application Submission, Validation, or Error Notifications are Received:*

- Contact [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833-872-5175 regarding technical difficulties